
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 27, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BLAIR, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 6792.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6792) granting a pension to Hetta Brainard, have examined the same and report :

The report of the House committee is adopted and the bill reported favorably.

HOUSE REPORT.

The claimant made application for pension May 4, 1885, declaring that her husband, Loudon Brainard, deceased, volunteered at Randolph, Vt., and rendered service at the invasion of Plattsburgh, N. Y., in the war of 1812. This claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau upon the ground that no record of the soldier's service could be found.

Your committee find, however, that under date of April 3, 1886, the adjutant and inspector-general of the State of Vermont swears that he has in his custody the military records of the war of 1812 for the State of Vermont, and finds among the members of the Randolph volunteers, commanded by Capt. Lebeus Edgerton, the name of Loudon Brainard. The time of service is not given, however, nor is it stated on the records whether the company participated in the engagement at Plattsburgh, N. Y.

The widow declares that, from what she heard her husband say, he must have served 3 months or more in said war, but owing to the length of time that has elapsed she is unable to furnish the proof required by the Pension Bureau. From statements made in her application to the Pension Bureau it appears that the claimant is now about 89 years old. The soldier died in January, 1865, and the claimant's identity as his widow is established by the testimony of William H. Havens and H. T. Brown.

The passage of the bill is recommended with the following amendment: Add to the bill, after the last word, the words "and allow her a pension at \$12 per month."